



The Diocese of Birmingham in Alabama OFFICE FOR YOUTH

Update

In November 2017, we were notified that Shield the Vulnerable, our on-line youth protection provider had gone out of business. This was unexpected news and it has taken more time than expected to find an acceptable replacement. Please note, we may not have the new on-line course ready until September 1, 2018.

A few of the changes in place now. More coming soon:

- Youth Protection 2 will be offered periodically as a live video conference
- Live Youth Protection 1 sessions will be offered a about twelve times during the school year in regional locations. We will no longer do live Youth Protection workshops on a “as requested basis.”
- There is only one place to find an accurate and up to date schedule of live regional Youth Protection 1 courses is at www.CatholicYouthBhm.Net.

Interim On-line Replacement for Youth Protection 1

1. The interim course is “Recognizing Child Abuse.” To access the course, go to <http://birmingham.proudtoprotect.com>. The cost of the course is \$10 per person
2. As you will see, the course is available in either English or Spanish
3. Follow the instructions to register and complete the course
4. Print out a certificate
5. Even though this course is temporary, successful completion and documentation of the course is good for three years
6. Please note: When you logon to the site (after initial setup of your user name and password) – The logon button may not disappear. Go ahead and try to access your session even if the logon button still shows.

★ The course above does not provide records to parishes, schools or the diocese. The individual is responsible for printing and keeping a completion certificate and giving a copy to his/her parish/school

In addition to requiring proof of completion for Safe and Sacred’s course “Recognizing Child Abuse,” the following measures are to be followed for any new person (paid or volunteer):

1. The parish/school must give the individual a copy of the diocesan Code of Conduct and any local rules that apply to the protection of children and youth. The individual must sign a receipt. The receipt is to be maintained by the local institution. The diocesan Code

of Conduct may be found at www.CatholicYouthBhm.net in the Youth Protection section under documents and downloads

2. Secondly, the individual must pass a criminal background check **before** he or she begins involvement with young people
3. Please remember, all adults working with minors must have clear lines of supervision and accountability from the first day of service